

CARDINAL MERCIER GREETED BY STATE

Tribute Paid to Belgian Prelate by Gov. Smith and Other Officials.

HONORED BY UNIVERSITY

Failure of Germans to Break Spirit of Faith Told by Churchman.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

ALBANY, Sept. 18.—"If there is any one who deserves praise, your gifts, your sympathies and your prayers, it is not my humble person; it is my nation, the Belgian nation."

This was the modest answer made by Cardinal Mercier to the words of praise heaped upon him by Gov. Smith in greeting him in behalf of the Empire State, by church dignitaries of his own and other creeds and by the highest State officials.

The Belgian prelate was touched by the obvious sympathy of the thousands who had gathered to greet him and to see him and there were tears in his eyes when the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws of the University of the State of New York was conferred upon him by the State Board of Regents. Chester S. Lord making the address and Dr. Augustus H. Downing adjusting on the Cardinal's shoulders the hood of New York University. Only three other living men have been so honored, they being Elihu Root, Thomas A. Edison and Ambassador Jules Jusserand.

The Cardinal admitted that he was at a loss to find words to express his appreciation of his reception and the honors conferred upon him.

Cardinal Mercier came to Albany with Archbishop Hayes and a party of church notables, and was escorted to the Capitol by several companies of the New York National Guard. After a brief reception in the Executive Chamber by Gov. Smith, the Cardinal and his party were shown the Senate and Assembly chambers and conducted to the State Education Building, where the ceremony of welcome was to take place.

Hearty Welcome to Prelate.

There was a notable gathering of representatives of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the State Government, city officials and prominent private citizens, men and women, awaiting the Cardinal, and he was given a hearty welcome.

"We have read how this man put courage into the hearts of his people when in the distress of war it seemed they would be crushed to death beneath the iron heel of Prussianism," declared Gov. Smith in his speech of welcome on behalf of the 10,000,000 people of this State. "History will tell of the great moral force that he was behind his country."

High praise was put upon the Cardinal by the Rev. Dr. Brooks, speaking in behalf of Bishop Richard H. Nelson of the Episcopal diocese of Albany, who declared that Cardinal Mercier proved that patriotism and religion can and should be combined, and by Rabbi Eli Mayer, who said that as a result of the Cardinal's efforts Belgium is the cornerstone of a united world.

Sufferings of Belgians.

"I never for a moment feared the enemy," was the assertion of Cardinal Mercier in telling of Belgium's dark hours. "My only motto was right above might. I believed in the justice and the mercy of God. I saw the German colossus trampling the fair soil of Belgium, shedding blood of poor, innocent civilians, and I thought it was impossible that God would tolerate such a crime and such a scandal. They tried in different ways to change me, by threats, by bribes, by perfidious insinuations. They tried to make me silent before my flock. I said to myself, 'I shall speak because I have something to say.' They tried to make me recall my pastoral, which had caused no little commotion. I told them: 'What I said was my mind. I was sincere. I sought to state the truth and I did not change anything in truth to an untruth.' When they told me anything might happen if I refused, I told them 'Go what you like and I will stand again I embarrased them with these simple words.'"

Cardinal Mercier was dined by Bishop Gibbons of Albany this afternoon, Gov. Smith and a number of other notables attending.

"RAINBOWS" JOIN LEGION.

Formation of New Post Is First Result of Drive.

The big stir yesterday in American Legion headquarters, where the membership drive is being directed, was over the announcement that the entire personnel of the 155th Infantry, the old Sixty-ninth, had applied for membership. The unit formed the Rainbow Division veterans upon its return from France, which through affiliation with the American Legion, will become the "Sixty-ninth Regiment and Rainbow Division Veterans Post." Lieut.-Col. A. E. Anderson was the chief mover in the merger.

First results of the drive were felt toward afternoon with the receipt of applications for membership from former service men employed in business houses. Walter P. Kingsley, son of Darwin P. Kingsley, organized 150 men of the New York Life Insurance Company into New York Post. The Hell Gate Post was formed for the district bounded by 155th street, Park avenue and the East River. Former army musicians are joining a musician's post, formed by William A. Roche of 289 East Eighty-fifth street.

WIFE DEAD; BABY ADOPTED.

Returning Veteran Petitions Court to Get Back Child.

When Riley Hayford of Yonkers enlisted in the army June 6, 1917, he left behind him his wife, Jessie, and an infant daughter, Charlotte, in the care of his mother on South Thirtieth avenue, Mount Vernon. When he returned from France August 12 he found his wife was dead and his daughter had been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Hector D. MacLean of Yonkers.

Hayford filed yesterday a petition with Surrogate Slater of Westchester County demanding that the adoption papers be abrogated.

It was believed Hayford had been killed in the war and for this reason the child was taken by Hayford says the MacLeans will not give up his daughter.

FRANCE TO SELL ITS SEIZURES.

Enlightening Bill Covering \$200,000,000 of Property Seized Since 1914.

PARIS, Sept. 18.—The Senate adopted today a bill ordering the liquidation of property in the hands of the French Government coming under the provisions of the war expropriation bill. The Minister of Justice said that the number of seizures of enemy property made in France since 1914 reached 15,119, representing an approximate value of \$200,000,000.

CAPE COLONISTS ARE SPLIT.

Question of a Republic Breaks Up Assembly Caucus.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun from the London Times Service.

Cape Town, Sept. 18.—The first result of the disintegration of Gen. Hertzog in the House of Assembly on the constitutional question is a split among the Nationalists. In a caucus meeting last night there was a violent conflict of opinion, Hertzog inclining to moderate counsels, but Tielman and Roos insisting on continuing a fighting policy on the republican issue. No decision was arrived at last night, but the caucus was resumed this morning when the Moderates prevailed and Roos has left in high dudgeon.

Gen. Smuts goes on a tour on Sunday of the Northwestern districts of Cape Colony, which he has not visited since he led the command there in the Boer war. Then he was out to make Cape Colony republican, now he goes in order to damp down the republican movement.

CITY BUS LINES TO START SATURDAY

Board of Estimate Grants Permit for Service on Four Crosstown Routes.

The Board of Estimate yesterday under the guidance of Mayor Hylan, called a special meeting for the purpose, voted to issue a revocable permit for the operation of bus lines to handle the crosstown traffic along the four routes formerly served by the New York Railways Company and which will be discontinued to-morrow by order of Federal Judge Julius Mayer.

The new bus service will go into effect to-morrow morning and, according to the terms of the resolution, which was unanimously adopted, will provide five-cent transportation. The operation will be under the general direction of the Board of Estimate.

The permit, which is effective until December 30 next, but which may be revoked upon ten days notice in writing by the Board of Estimate, was issued late yesterday afternoon to Louis Riedl, manager of the Stewart Motor Corporation, 315 West Fifty-seventh street, who is to be controlled by Eugene Herman, who operates a number of bus lines in New Jersey. The buses are to have a capacity of thirty passengers each and according to Mr. Riedl his company is intended to put sixty of them in operation on Saturday morning.

The Bus Routes.

The routes to be covered by the new arrangement are as follows: Beginning at the Grand street ferry on the East River, at the foot of Grand street, along Grand street to Madison street, Madison street to New Chambers street, thence across West street and the marginal street to the Chambers street ferry on the North River. Operation in both directions.

Spring and Delancey Street Line.—Beginning at the Grand street ferry on the East River, at the foot of Grand street, along East River to Delancey street, to Bowery, to Spring street, to Sullivan street, to Watts street, to West street, thence across West street and the marginal street to the Chambers street ferry on the North River. Operation in both directions.

Avenue C Line.—Beginning at Desbrosses street ferry on the North River, across the marginal street and West street to Watts street, to Greenwich street, to Charlton street, to Prince street, to Bowery, to Stanton street, to Pitt street, to Avenue C, to Eighteenth street, to Avenue A, to Twenty-third street, to Twenty-third street ferry on the East River. Operation in both directions.

Operation south and west bound shall be as follows: Beginning at Twenty-third street ferry on the East River, along East Houston street and West Houston street to Washington street, to Watts street, to West street, to the Desbrosses street ferry on the North River. Operation in both directions.

Sixth Avenue Ferry Line.—Beginning at Desbrosses street ferry on the North River, across the marginal street and West street to Watts street, to York street, to Carmine street, to Sixth avenue, to West Third street; operation in both directions.

Five Minute Service Planned.

Manager Riedl of the transportation concern said that he was prepared to operate the buses under a five minute headway, or less, during the rush hours, about a seven or ten minute interval during normal traffic conditions, and under a half hour headway during the late night and early morning hours.

The message says that negotiations are pending with the Entente on this matter and that the food supply is to be promoted by this means. The *Telegraph* has been told that the American short horn oxen, numbering 145, have arrived at Munich from America, having stood the voyage well.

CABLE CO. SUES BANK.

Govt. Rates for Private Messages From Philippines Charged.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company has filed suit in the Federal District Court to restrain the Philippine National Bank from sending cables as Government messages. The plaintiff alleges that the bank, which has an office in this city, has been illegally claiming preferential service and half rates and has avoided paying the internal revenue tax on cables since June, 1918.

It is alleged that the cables sent by the bank from Manila to this city are in reality the messages of a private corporation and not the official communications they purport to be. It is also alleged that the bank has caused messages to be transmitted in this way for its patrons and that this constitutes a further discrimination against other private corporations.

SEASPOUT GRAZES GALE-RAIDED SHIP

Ward Liner Buffeted for Hours, Narrowly Escapes Disaster Off South Coast.

FLOOD SMASHES PORTS

Mexico Almost in Path of Tower of Water 300 Feet High, Swirling Along.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

The Ward liner Mexico, which arrived at this port yesterday from Havana experienced, on her southward trip, the full force of the tropical hurricane which swept into the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic and resulted in great damage and loss of life in the vicinity of Corpus Christi, Texas.

According to Capt. F. L. Miller of the Ward Line steamship, the storm raged with terrific violence for more than thirty hours, and besides damage from the wind and waves the Mexico just escaped a waterspout which swept across her bow less than half a cable length away with a velocity of eighty miles an hour. In all his experience of tropical blows Capt. Miller said that he had never before met one that lasted more than fourteen hours.

First Encounter With Storm.

The first ship encountered the gale off Cape Hatteras and it grew steadily worse as she made her way south. Off Miami the steamships Monterey and Creole were sighted, hove to and riding out the gale with difficulty. The Monterey arrived at Havana yesterday and the Creole is expected to arrive tomorrow. The Ward Line steamship, the Mexico, was the first to have sustained considerable damage to her upper works from the force of the waves.

Heavy seas swept clear over the boat deck and the crew were forced to take refuge in the cabin. The crew of the Mexico were compelled to remain on the bridge. The passengers were confined below.

The worst storm appeared suddenly on Thursday morning. It crossed the steamship's bow very nearly at right angles to her course and close enough for all on board to distinctly feel the shock of the waves. The ship staggered as if she had struck a reef or submerged wreck, tons of water from the towering waves around the base of the spout broke over her head and several feet were up by the whirling column of water fell on her deck. The spout was 300 feet high, 10 feet in diameter at the base and mushroomed as it moved on.

Spanish Liner Missing.

Considerable anxiety is felt in Havana, Capt. Miller reported, over the fate of the Spanish liner *Albatros*, now more than a week overdue at that port, with a large number of passengers on board. At the request of the American naval authorities the wireless operators on the Mexico made every effort to pick up a message from the Spanish steamship, but without success.

Much damage was done in Havana by the storm, though the Cuban capital was not directly in the path of the hurricane. Eleven persons were killed, and the waves swept over the sea wall and flooded the Prado several feet.

Frank Steinhardt, president of the Havana Electric Railway Company, who with his wife and three children, now more than a week overdue at that port, with a large number of passengers on board. At the request of the American naval authorities the wireless operators on the Mexico made every effort to pick up a message from the Spanish steamship, but without success.

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REDUCED, RETIRED, PAY CUT.

Former Detective Shows How Shift Shaken Pension.

Frank McGee, for fifteen years a police detective, who last Tuesday was reduced to the rank of sergeant and assigned to uniformed duty at the Amity street station, in Brooklyn, has been retired by Commissioner Enright. The application was signed Wednesday night. McGee had been on the force twenty-six years and lives at 514 Fifty-ninth street, Brooklyn.

He told reporters that he should have been retired when his application was first filed, in which case his pension would have been paid on the basis of his former rank. His last assignment as a first grade detective was to take charge of the detectives at the West Twentieth street station. Six weeks ago he was transferred to the homicide bureau at Police Headquarters.

VOCATIONAL BOARD SEEN AS FAILURE

Only 3,923 of 230,000 Disabled Soldiers Placed in Training Last June.

The American Legion Weekly, the official magazine of the American Legion, began in its issue of today the publication of two articles based on an investigation of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. The first article charges that the Government has failed to keep its promises to disabled veterans of the war, even though the bill when passed by Congress carried with it an appropriation of many millions of dollars.

The article says that 1,433 disabled soldiers, who were in training last June, have been placed in training. Only 3,923 of the 230,000 disabled soldiers during the war. On June 30 only 11,499 disabled soldiers were in training. The article says that the number of disabled soldiers in training was 15,410. Of this number, however, 13,829 were self-placed, which means that they went out and got their own jobs, leaving only 1,581 actually helped by the board to get work.

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CHAUFFEUR TAKEN IN BOND ROBBERY

Driver Says He Was Forced at Point of Pistol to Carry Bandits.

TAR GUILTY OF HOLDUP

Sailor Faces 20 Year Term After Assaulting and Stripping Victim.

Special Despatch to The Sun.

The detectives investigating the hotel robberies came claimed another triumph yesterday when they arrested Thomas Hanley, 28, of 135 West Forty-third street, who they say drove the automobile in which six men were taken to the Irving Bond Company, 244 Fulton street, Brooklyn, where \$9,000 in bonds and cash were stolen Friday night. Three of the men who took part in the theft are said to be Thomas Burke, George Hope and Edward McIntyre, now held for the four hotel robberies.

District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn interviewed Hanley at Manhattan Police Headquarters and said he obtained a confession. Mr. Lewis stated Hanley told him the six robbers had engaged him to take them to Coney Island, but when they reached Fulton street in Brooklyn ordered him to stop the car. They all got out, had a drink and all but one of the men disappeared.

Man Fled by Trolley.

When they returned Hanley said one of them shoved a revolver against his ribs and told him to drive to Third avenue and Union street. There all six men got out, had a drink and all but one of the men disappeared. Hanley was arrested at Broadway and Forty-ninth street early yesterday morning by Detectives England and Lynch. The search for the three other suspects of taking part in the Brooklyn robbery is being continued.

Harry Sexton, wearing his uniform as a sailor, was found guilty of robbery, first degree, before County Judge McDermott in Brooklyn, and is liable to twenty years imprisonment as a repeated offender. He has served two jail terms, once for assault, and the second time for criminally receiving stolen goods. His conviction yesterday was for assaulting and robbing John Twyman, a street cleaner, who lived alone at 271 Pacific street, Brooklyn, on January 2. Twyman was found suffering from a heavy blow on the head, and a \$100. Sexton said he lived at 433 Fresh Pond road.

Three Stores Looted.

Three stores in the vicinity of Central and Knickerbocker avenues, Brooklyn, were entered early yesterday morning and \$156 taken from a cash register in one of them. In the other two places the burglars were frightened away by the police. The police at first refused to admit the robbery had taken place.

William L. Jeannette, 30, was arrested as a pickpocket on complaint of Simon Friedman of 8 West 119th street. He said he was waiting for a train at 119th street and Lenox avenue when his wallet containing \$710 was taken. He saw Jeannette running up the stairs to the street and used a trust or was to cart away articles of furniture, came to light yesterday when it became known that the home of Frederick Bruce, 845 Madison street, had been robbed. Jeannette said he lost money in a bar fight around his neck. He was held in \$10,000 bail in Washington Heights court.

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